



Local Programs Procedures

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Emergency Relief Program

Reference: Local Programs Manual, Volume 1, Section 17
Emergency Relief: Procedure for Developing Federal-Aid Highway
Projects on Local Streets and Roads, Emergency Relief Program

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This procedure revises the guidelines for Emergency Relief (ER) projects process. ER projects no longer have to be in a federally approved TIP unless they involve substantial functional, locational, or capacity changes. This revision will be incorporated into the Local Programs Manual and the "Emergency Relief: Procedures for Developing Federal-Aid Highway Projects on Local Streets and Roads" during the next update.

EXISTING PROCEDURES

Prior to ISTEA, ER was exempted from the TIP process. After ISTEA passed, all Federal-aid projects including ER were required to go through the TIP approval process.

A memo dated June 2, 1993, from the Office of Local Programs to District Local Streets and Roads Engineers, stated that:

"All restoration construction work must be included in a federally approved TIP and authorized by FHWA or Local Programs prior to right-of-way acquisition or advertisement of the project to guarantee Federal funding. However, all other ER projects (emergency opening, PE for restoration) must eventually be included in a federally approved TIP."

NEW PROCEDURES

After several major disasters nationwide, the FHWA found that having ER included in the TIP process was hindering restoration because ER project work cannot wait for the approval process.

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As a result, ER projects are no longer required to be in a federally approved TIP, unless they involve substantial functional, locational, or capacity changes per the attached final rules in "Federal Register/Vol. 58, No. 207/Rules and Regulations."

The following sentence should be inserted under "FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM" - and "FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION" - "Requirements" in the Caltrans guide titled "Emergency Relief - Procedures for Developing Federal-Aid Highway Projects on Local Streets and Roads:"

"ER projects (except those involving substantial functional, locational or capacity changes) are not required to be included in the approved TIP and FSTIP".

Copies of the "Emergency Relief" guide can be obtained by faxing your request to the Caltrans Publications Unit at (916) 324-8997.

Attachment